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Sir:

In reply to the DOE/NASA Notice (Form PTOL-456) dated April 13, 1998, transmitted
herewith for appropriate action in the above-captioned matter are the following documents

1. Reply to DOE/NASA Notice (Form PTOL-456);
2. Declaration executed by inventors Richard Fike and William Biddle;
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Respectfully submitted,

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